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My Dear Dr. May,

I thank the good luck that led me to write to Mrs. Bidwell and thereby get a letter from you. First let me say how glad we are to hear of your having had such a pleasant journey and to add the hope that it may continue to the end to afford you every gratification that you may desire. As you do not say anything of Mrs. May's health we feel assured of her health and know that she must have enjoyed the long and in some respects novel journey. If you went to Mexico what an interesting comparison you must have made of "Old" and "New Spain"; and I can well imagine what a treat it must have been to have seen the living Flora

of the latter.

From various parts of California I have heard that neither yours nor Mr. Watson's latest "Contributions" had reached botanists. Among Watson's w. sps was the *Lathyrus* ~~*Ständeri*~~ - but as I have not his paper by me I cannot now refer to the distinctive characters.

As to the *Borragianus* plants it is a true *Plagiobolus* and not at all a *Krynitzkia*. Fortunately there was a single nutlet, almost ripe, on one of the specimens, which removes all doubt.

It is just that of *P.* but half the size and the corolla and foliage and also the habit of the plant are so different that I have thought it a new species and so noted it in my Herb. under the name of *P. Austinae*.

I am just about sending to Coates the Autobiography &c of Fendler.

There was much that was excellent in his letters to you from Colima down. I think the extracts of some these and other letters will make the article quite interesting.

How pleasant it will be to again feel that you are within a reasonable distance of us. Accept for both Mr. Gray and yourself our best regards and good wishes for a safe arrival home.

Always sincerely yours

Wm. H. Harvey

By the way Capt. J. Drucell Smith & I are talking of an excursion in the Coast Mt. region with special reference to *Acornium reclinatum*. Can you tell us where you "struck" it?